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SMALL ROCKETS, **BIG PROFITS**

Alaska Aerospace looks to future. Below.

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Snow unlikely in Juneau for now. A3.

J.I.V.E.VOLLEYBALL IS BACK

Falcons hope to repeat as champs. **B1**.

Opinions mixed on **SB91**

At town hall meeting, some residents support criminal justice reform

By JAMES BROOKS

Town hall meetings in Anchorage, Fairbanks and the Mat-Su have blown a windstorm of criticism against the criminal justice reform program known as Senate Bill 91. In Juneau on Wednesday night, that windstorm calmed and at times even seemed to blow in the opposite direction.

As about 60 Juneau residents gathered for a town hall meeting with Juneau's legislative delegation, the audience at Juneau-Douglas High School was divided and some offered support for SB 91.

"Don't give up the fight for SB 91. It's good legislation," said Don Habeger,

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TLINGIT ANCESTORS RETURN



Gordon Greenwald, center, Fred Fulmer, right, and Alfie Price dance in honor of the three items being transferred from the University of Pennsylvania back to a Hoonah clan during a repatriation ceremony at the Walter Soboleff Center on Wednesday.

Missing weapon is hole in state's murder

As Strawn trial continues, state tries to link firearm components to fatal shot

case

By JAMES BROOKS

As the state prepares to wrap up its case against Christopher Strawn, one big unanswered question lingers over the trial. If Strawn killed Brandon Cook on Oct. 20, 2015,

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46 ceremonial Tlingit objects, at.óowu, to be returned to people of Hoonah

MARY CATHARINE MARTIN

Almost 100 years ago, the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology acquired 46 at.óowu, sacred objects belonging to the Mount Fairweather house (Snail house) of the Tlingit T'akdeintaan clan in Hoonah.

After a long battle over the objects' ownership, museum representatives on Wednesday hand-carried three of those at.óowu back to Southeast Alaska for repatriation. Eight were returned in recent years, and the rest -35 more - will return to the people of Hoonah in the coming months.

With those at.óowu come the spirits of ancestors, said Hoonah clan leaders speaking at a repatriation ceremony on Wednesday.

"While the sacred object was gone, it was just a beautiful art piece. But now that it's come back, it picked up the spirit that had left.

... Now the spirit is coming back into them," said Mount Fairweather house leader and T'akdeintaan clan leader Ron Williams, quoting an unnamed elder.

"Whenever we get something back that has been lost, it puts us closer to who we really are. Repatriating is putting more soul into who you are," said Hoonah Indian Association President Frank Wright, Jr.

History

The return of the at.óowu is a long time in the making. The items left Hoonah after Louis Shotridge, a member of the Kaagwaantaan clan in Klukwan near Haines who collected Tlingit art for the Penn Museum for 20



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The "Raven the Pilgrim" rattle on display during a repatriation ceremony at the Walter Soboleff Center to transfer three cultural items from the University of Pennsylvania back to the clan on Wednesday.

years, purchased the items for the museum in 1924. It was a time Native peoples in the United States were being heavily pressured to assimilate into mainstream

American culture. Though there is a bill of sale for the objects, no one person had the authority to sell the at.óowu and, according to documents filed in the dis-

pute over ownership, clan members at the time did not know what had happened to them.

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Small rockets, big profits

Alaska Aerospace looks to commercial *market for future*

By ALEX MCCARTHY

Craig Campbell remembers the night when they tested the missiles.

Campbell, the president and CEO of the Alaska Aerospace Corporation (AAC), presented pictures of a successful missile defense system test from July 10 to a group at the Chamber of

Thursday.

A photo of a Terminal High Altitude Area Defense System (THAAD) missile taking launch stood on the screen as Campbell's eyes widened.

"It was done in July, so the sun was barely set," Campbell recalled. "If you looked to the horizon, it was bright to the north and kind of dark to the south. This picture is facing south. That rocket is pretty bright when it launches." It was the first launch in

Commerce luncheon on more than two years at the Pacific Spaceport Complex-Alaska (PSCA) in Kodiak, which was damaged during a failed launch in August 2014. Campbell hopes that there are many, many more successful launches in the PSCA's future.

> Speaking to the Chamber on Thursday, Campbell said that the AAC has a contract with the Missile Defense Agency but that a large part of the company's future is actually dependent

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Craig Campbell, President and CEO of the Alaska Aerospace Corporation, presents "Alaska ... Where the Last Frontier Meets the Final Frontier" at the Juneau Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the Moose Lodge on Thursday.

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MEETING & EVENTS SCHEDULE <u>October 13-23, 2017</u>

This listing includes meetings currently scheduled as of October 10, 2017.

For updates, please refer to: http://www.juneau.org/calendar//index.php

Friday, October 13, 2017 Noon: Board of Education (School Board) Policy Committee Meeting, JSD District Office Glacier Conference Room

<u>Saturday, October 14, 2017</u> 9am: Eaglecrest Board Retreat, Eaglecrest Conference Room Porcupine Lodge

Monday, October 16, 2017

9am: Juneau Coordinated Transportation Coalition Meeting,
Marine View Bldg. 4th Floor Conference Room 5pm: Sister Cities Committee Meeting, Downtown Library Small onference Room

7pm: Regular Assembly Meeting – Swearing In New Assemblymembers, Chambers

Tuesday, October 17, 2017 4pm: Aquatics Board Operations Committee, Mendenhall Valley Library Large Meeting Room

6pm: Board of Education (School Board) Meeting, JDHS Library 6pm: Neighborhood Information Meeting re: a Proposed Rezone in Auke Bay, Thunder Mountain High School Library

Wednesday, October 18, 2017 ALASKA DAY HOLIDAY – ALL CBJ OFFICES CLOSED.

<u>Thursday, October 19, 2017</u> 12:15pm: Bartlett Regional Hospital Board Governance Committee, BRH Admin. Boardroom 12:30pm: ADA Committee, Downtown Library Large Meeting

Room 5:15pm: Bartlett Regional Hospital Board Finance Committee,

BRH Admin. Boardroom 5:15pm: Wetlands Review Board, Chambers CANCELLED 6pm: Neighborhood Meeting Concerning Site Access for Alaska

Canopy Adventures, Douglas Library 6pm: In Land We Trust: Come Learn about Land Trusts in Juneau, Mendenhall Valley Library CANCELLED

<u>Friday. October 20, 2017</u>
No public meetings scheduled at this time.

Monday, October 23, 2017 Noon: Assembly Public Works & Facilities Committee, Chambers

5pm: Assembly Lands Committee, Chambers 6pm: Assembly Committee of the Whole Worksession, Chambers

CBJ Boards/Committees Current or Upcoming Vacancies

The following is a list of current or upcoming vacancies on CBJ boards, commissions, committees and/or councils. Applications may be picked up outside the Clerk's Office and are available on Juneau's website at http://www.juneau.org/clerk/boards/Board_Mainpage.php Submit the applications to the Municipal Clerk's Office, Room 202 of the Municipal Building (155 S. Seward Street, Juneau, AK 99801), or by fax at 586-4552, or via email at Clerk@juneau.org. For further information, call 586-5278.

| Boards/Commissions | Current & Upcoming Vacancies |
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| Animal Hearing Board | 3 seats (1 Veterinarian & 1 Animal Interest Group Member & 1 General Public Member) for various terms |
| Board of Equalization | 5 seats for various terms |
| Building Code Advisory Committee | 1 public seat for an unexpired term (Applications due November 1) |
| Building Code Board of Appeals | 4 seats for various terms |
| Douglas Advisory Board | 2 seats for full terms (Applications due November 1) |
| Jensen-Olson Arboretum Advisory Board | 1 seat for an unexpired term |
| Juneau Commission on Aging | 3 seats for individuals age 65 years or older and 4 additional seats with no age restrictions. (Applications due November 1) |
| Juneau Commission on Sustainability | 1 seat for an unexpired term |
| Sales Tax Board of Appeals | 1 (Attorney) seat for an unexpired term |
| Sister Cities Committee | 1 seat for an unexpired term (Applications due November 1) |
| Utility Advisory Board | 1 seat for a full term |
| Youth Activities Board | 1 seat for a full term |

ASSEMBLY REORGANIZATION AGENDA THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA October 16, 2017 7:00 PM

City Hall - Assembly Chambers Regular Meeting 2017-19 Submitted By: Duncan Rorie Watt, City and Borough Manager

I. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS ASSEMBLY

REORGANIZATION II. ROLL CALL

III. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Proclamation: Honoring Rudy and Judy Ripley B. Proclamation: Bahai Anniversary

C. Acknowledgement of Community Partners in Lemon Creek Cleanup Event

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES MANAGER'S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

VII. CONSENT AGENDA A. Public Requests for Consent Agenda Changes, Other Than

Ordinances for Introduction

B. Assembly Requests for Consent Agenda Changes

C. Assembly Action

Ordinances for Introduction

a. Ordinance 2017-06(H) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of \$281,020 as Funding for the Juneau International Airport RSA IIB (NW Quad Design & Construction) Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by Passenger Facility Charges.

b. Ordinance 2017-06(K) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of \$816,000 as Funding for the Juneau International Airport Float Pond Improvements Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by the Federal

Aviation Administration, and Sales Tax Revenue. c. Ordinance 2017-06(M) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of \$11,200,000 as Funding for the Juneau International Airport RSA 2C—NE/NW Quad Apron Construction Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by the Federal Aviation Administration and Sales Tax

Revenue. d. Ordinance 2017-06(N) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of \$5,145,121 as Funding for the Juneau International Airport Snow Removal Equipment Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by the Federal

Aviation Administration, and Sales Tax Revenue. e. Ordinance 2017-06(O) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of \$256,000 as Funding for the Juneau International Airport Ramp LED Lighting Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by the Federal Aviation Administration, and Sales Tax Revenue.

f. Ordinance 2017-06(L) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of \$75,000 as Funding to Work With Existing Emergency Shelter Providers to Establish a Warming Center to be Operated When the Temperature Drops Below 32 Degrees During the Winter; Funding Provided by the Tobacco Tax Fund's Fund Balance.

g. Ordinance 2017-06(P) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of \$226,300 as Funding for the Juneau Police Department's Comprehensive Traffic Safety Plan; Grant Funding Provided by the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Alaska Highway

h. Ordinance 2017-06(Q) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of \$59,667 as Funding for the 2017 State Homeland Security Program / SHSP; Grant Funding Provided

by the State of Alaska Department of Military and Veterans

i. Ordinance 2017-06(R) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of \$160,000 as Funding for the Emergency Management Performance Grant; Funding Provided by the State of Alaska, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. i. Ordinance 2017-25 An Ordinance Amending the Land Use

Code Relating to Panhandle Subdivisions k. Ordinance 2017-31 An Ordinance Amending the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Maps of the City and Borough of Juneau to Change the Land Use Designation of Block 25, Juneau Townsite, Entirely Bounded by Fifth and Sixth Streets and Gold and Harris Streets in Downtown Juneau, from Medium Density Residential to Traditional Town Center. Ordinance 2017-28 An Ordinance Amending the Official

Zoning Map of the City and Borough to Change the Zoning of Block 25, Juneau Townsite, Entirely Bounded by Fifth and Sixth Streets and Gold and Harris Streets in Downtown Juneau, from D-18 to MU.

m. Ordinance 2017-30 An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map of the City and Borough to Change the Zoning of Millsite Addition to Douglas Townsite, Block 32, Tract A, Located at 824 Front Street, from WI to LC. 2. Resolutions

a. Resolution 2805 A Resolution Dissolving the Friends of the Flag Committee and Repealing Resolution No. 2054. 3. Bid Award

a, Bid Award Approval - B 18-023 - Term Contract for Junk Vehicle Disposal

4. Other Items for consent

a. Marijuana License Renewals for Rainforest Farms, LLC, AMCO Licenses 10026 and 10050

5. Transfers

a. Transfer T-991 Transfer of \$100,000 from the Wastewater SCADA CIP to the Maier Drive Forcemain Emergency Repair b. Transfer T-992 Transfer of \$300,000 from the Douglas Highway Waterline Replacement CIP to the Salmon Creek Filtration CIP VIII. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Resolution 2809 A Resolution Establishing the Fees for Animal Control and Protection Services, and Repealing Resolution No. 2767.

B. Ordinance 2017-19 An Ordinance Amending the Uniform Sales Tax Code to Expand the Senior Citizen Sales Tax Exemption. C. Ordinance 2017-26 An Ordinance Authorizing the Manager

to Dispose of Lots 4 and 5 of the Renninger Subdivision. D. Ordinance 2017-27 An Ordinance Authorizing the Manager to Convey Lot 2 of the Renninger Subdivision to the Alaska Housing Development Corporation.

E. Ordinance 2016-09(AS) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of \$3,206,100 as Partial Funding for Various Departments' Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budgets; Funding Provided by the General Fund's Fund Balance and Other Funds' Fund Balances.

F. Ordinance 2016-09(AT) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of \$1,707,389 to Fund the City and Borough of Juneau's Fiscal Year 2017 Public Employee Retirement System Contribution; Funding Provided by the Alaska Department of Administration

G. Ordinance 2016-09(AU) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of \$1,525,643, to Fund Bartlett Regional Hospital's Fiscal Year 2017 Public Employee Retirement System Contribution; Funding Provided by the Alaska Department of Administration.
H. Ordinance 2016-09(AV) An Ordinance De-appropriating the Sum of \$180,000 of the Parks and Recreation Program's

Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget; Such Funds to be Returned to the General Fund's Fund Balance. I. Ordinance 2017-06(F) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of \$6,600 as Funding for the Juneau Public Libraries; Grant Funding Provided by the Alaska State

J. Ordinance 2017-06(G) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of \$7,842 as Funding for the Planning and Design of Historical Interpretive Sign Panels at the Treadwell Mine Historic Park; Grant Funding Provided by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Office of History and

Archeology. K. Ordinance 2017-06(I) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of \$100,000 as Funding for the Housing and Homelessness Services Coordinator; Grant Funding Provided by the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority. L. Ordinance 2017-06(J) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of \$2,011,000 as Funding for the Juneau International Airport Taxiway A Rehabilitation Design and Taxiways E and D-1 Re-alignment Design Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by the Federal Aviation Administration and the Juneau International Airport. IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Proposed Comments on Regulations to Marijuana Control

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Supplemental Agreement - West Douglas Road B. Senate Bill 54 Update

XI. STAFF REPORTS XII. ASSEMBLY REPORTS

A. Mavor's Report

B. Committee and Liaison Reports C. Presiding Officer Reports

XIII. ASSEMBLY COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

XIV. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-**AGENDA ITEMS**

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2017**

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

5:00pm Assembly Chambers

The following topic will be discussed:

First Discussion/Review of 2019-2024 Capital Improvement Projects

REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING 7:00pm Assembly Chambers

The following agenda items are scheduled for consideration:

Applicant: City & Borough of Juneau Case No.: AME2016 0016

Location: Lemon Creek A Text Amendment to Adopt the Lemon Creek Area Plan as

Applicant: Forget Me Not

Case No.: USE2017 0010 8505 Old Dairy Road A Conditional Use Permit for a marijuana manufacturing

part of the CBJ Comprehensive Plan

Location: Proposal:

establishment in the General Commercial Zoning District

Applicant: Forget Me Not Case No.: USE2017 0011 8505 Old Dairy Road Location:

A Conditional Use Permit for a marijuana retail establishment in the General Commercial Zoning District

Applicant: Forget Me Not Case No.: USE2017 0012 8505 Old Dairy Road Location: Proposal: A Conditional Use Permit for a marijuana cultivation

establishment in the General Commercial Zoning District

Applicant: Always Redeye LLC Case No.: USE2017 0022

A Conditional Use Permit for a marijuana cultivation facility located in the Industrial Zone

Applicant: Marathon Development Inc.

Case No.: USE2017 0025 Location: Clinton Drive

An extension to the Conditional Use Permit for Riverview Proposal: Senior Community located in a Mixed Use Zone

To view the public notice and mapped location associated with these cases please visit $\underline{https://beta.juneau.org/assembly/assembly-minutes-and-agendas}$

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to have a sign language interpreter present or an audiotape containing the Assembly's agenda made available. The Clerk's office telephone number is 586-5278, TDD 586-5351, e-mail: City.Clerk@juneau.org AO-109454 Published: October 13, 2017

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where is the murder weapon? On Tuesday in Dimond Courthouse, Assistant District Attorney Amy Paige laid the groundwork for a partial answer to that question as she called Juneau Police Department **Detective Matthew Dubois** to the witness stand.

Dubois was the third and final witness of the day, and he described how, when searching Strawn's home two years ago, he found pieces of a shotgun buttstock.

Earlier in the trial, witness Tiffany Johnson told jurors she watched as Cook toppled over, dead, after a shotgun blast fired by Strawn. Johnson, who formerly sold firearms in the sporting goods department of Walmart, said Strawn held a shortened shotgun with a pistol-like grip.

extensive Despite searches by police and Troopers, that shotgun was never found.

This is Strawn's second trial for the same alleged crime. The first trial, held earlier this year, ended with a mistrial when a witness mentioned domestic violence, a subject that Judge Philip Pallenberg had forbidden.

In that first trial, Paige attempted to link Strawn to a hypothetical murder weapon using the pieces of buttstock found in Strawn's home. According to Paige, Strawn cut down a shotgun that was then used to kill Cook.

At the time, Strawn's public defender, Yvette Soutiere, said there was a logical reason for those pieces: Strawn was a

dumpster diver who frequently scavenged things he hoped to resell.

This time around, Strawn is representing himself at trial, and he has not yet offered jurors an explanation for why the pieces of shotgun buttstock were in his home. He did not finish cross-examining Dubois on Thursday; that process is expected to wrap up Friday.

Also Thursday, Strawn cross-examined JPD Sgt. Sterling Salisbury.

When Salisbury searched Strawn's home, he found 12-gauge shotgun shells in Strawn's home, the same caliber used to kill Cook.

As Strawn revealed through cross-examination, however, Salisbury also found several other calibers of ammunition, making the discovery of shotgun shells less unusu-

When the trial resumes at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Strawn and Paige will argue about evidence and testimony scheduled to come from the former head of Alaska's crime lab. More witnesses will be called Friday and Monday by the state, and it is possible that Strawn could begin presenting his defense by Tuesday.

Strawn's trial began with jury selection Oct. 2. Opening arguments came on the afternoon of Oct. 5. The trial may wrap up by the end of next week.

Strawn is facing charges of first-degree and second-degree murder, manslaughter, criminally negligent homicide, thirddegree assault and weapons misconduct.

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SPACE:

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on commercial launches. The PSCA is one

of just four facilities in the country that can launch rockets into orbit, Campbell said, but it's only capable of launching smaller rockets. Instead of huge launches akin to those seen at Cape Canaveral, Florida, the PSCA is built more for smaller, much less-expensive rockets and satellites.

"We are at the leading edge at Alaska Aerospace of bringing small, and ultrasmall rockets to Alaska that are gonna support a commercial industry of small and ultra-small satellites," Campbell said.

One example Campbell used was a company called Planet Labs, which has 160 satellites located around the Earth that supply up-to-date satellite images to companies looking to develop land. Planet Labs needs to replace these satellites regularly, and needs companies that can launch them into orbit.

Campbell wants AAC to be one of those companies.

AAC has been working with many similar companies such as Rocket Lab, Vector Space Systems and Ad Astra Rocket Company for the past few months, and aided with a launch of a Rocket Lab rocket in May in New Zealand. Ad Astra is scheduled to launch a rocket from Alaska in either January or February, Campbell said.

The other three facilities that launch to orbit, Campbell said, are owned and operated by the federal government. The State of Alaska owns the AAC, and Campbell is proud of the facility.

"We have tremendously modern facilities and capabilities here in Kodiak that are the envy of the world," Campbell said.

Though the state owns the AAC, the company is run without money from

• Contact reporter James Brooks at james.k.brooks@juneauempire.com story often, about a meeting between him and Gov.

Bill Walker in 2014. With

budget constraints, Walker

told Campbell that the state was going to pull its funding from the AAC. It was then that Campbell pledged that the AAC was going to find a way to make money through commercial means. With a small profit in 2015, followed by a \$2 million dollar loss in

2016 and a \$2.6 million gain

in 2016, the AAC keeping

its head above water financially, Campbell reported. Half of the AAC's funding, Campbell said, comes from federal grants while half stems from customer revenues. The commercial services are paying off, and they've hardly even begun launching. Campbell said there are about 15,000 small satellites in production around the world right now, so there will be a huge number of rockets in need of launching in the next few

When one Chamber member asked, Campbell estimated that Kodiak could be launching a rocket as often as once a month. Down the line, AAC hopes to also expand to another facility near the equator (Campbell said they're currently looking at locations in Saipan and Hawaii) so they can get even more of a share of the launch market.

years.

The goal, Campbell said, is for the AAC to make enough money in five years where it can give some of its revenue to the state of Alaska. Though the state doesn't provide funding, Campbell believes that state-owned organizations should do what they can to give back.

"I think it's fair that as a state corporation we become very profitable, we become very active, we do stuff across the state, we create money," Campbell said, "and then we start paying back the state of Alaska."

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the state. Campbell tells the